

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 23, 2013**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Absent
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. September 18, 2013 regular common council meeting
2. September 13, 2013 memorandum from joint executive session with the Utility Service Board

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve both sets of minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

**JCAC.** Jasper Community Arts Commission member Selena Vonderheide attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

**Acknowledgement.** Mayor Seitz said he wanted to acknowledge Lisa Gehlhausen, Director of the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. Last night Lisa was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

**Utility Service Board.** General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on October 21, 2013. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

During Hauersperger’s report he commented on the Water Planning Committee meeting when they discussed the Beaver Lake Dam report from Morley and Associates and a secondary pool on the Patoka River.

After Hauersperger’s report, Chairman of the Utility Service Board Wayne Schuetter made a few comments about Beaver Lake. Schuetter said last summer the Corps of Engineers said the City should use Beaver Lake for a back up water supply instead of Patoka Lake. When we look at the possibility of raising the water level of the lake it is not just for those with docks but will be looked at for a back up water supply. We need to look at the feasibility of adding a second dam for another pool and we need to dredge the current pool. He said the City needs to have a thorough discussion about the City’s water supply. He also said currently the park department takes care of part of the lake area and the water utility manages part of it. We also need to discuss having a management plan for Beaver Lake.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-31 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-19 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF LOTS, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

This ordinance amends the procedure for numbering houses, buildings, and structures.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-31. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-32 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-7 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF A NATURAL GAS SYSTEM OWNED BY THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SALE OF GAS BY THE JASPER MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITY**

This ordinance amends the gas utility ordinance regarding the types of pipe that may be used.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-32. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-33 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

This ordinance sets salary and wage scales for utility employees for 2014.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-33. Motion carried 6-0.

Under discussion Council member Kevin Manley asked if there were any changes to the ordinance other than what was previously discussed. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger said the salary pay range for the Cable/Auto Cad Operator position in the electric utility was increased up to an equivalent position in the gas and water department.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-34 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PENALTIES THAT SHALL APPLY TO, GOVERN, AND CONTROL THE OPERATION OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND REPEALING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES WITH REGARD THERETO**

This ordinance updates the water utility ordinance. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said about twelve prior ordinances are being repealed and a new ordinance was written.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-34. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-8 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION**

This resolution accepts parts of Lots No. 209 and 206 in the Original Town of Jasper from Michael J. and Patricia H. Hochgesang. The physical address is 110 S. Main Street.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-8. Motion carried 6-0.

**CityVisions presentation.** Mayor Seitz said Barry Alberts with CityVisions and David Gamble with Gamble Associates were present to give a PowerPoint presentation on the Jasper Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said a document regarding this plan will be created as an addition to the comprehensive plan. The procedure to add this document will be the same procedure that was used to adopt the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Alberts then began the presentation that consisted of these five focus points; [1] the Courthouse Square, [2] enhance city's relationship to the river, [3] build on Jasper Industrial heritage, [4] downtown connectivity, [5] integrating art in the public realm.

Mayor Seitz thanked Barry and David for a job well done.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with  X  without corrections or clarification this 20th day of November, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz  
Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**